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H. R. 2285

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 1997

Ms. LOFGREN (for herself, Mr. CANNON, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. DREIER, Mr. FAZIO of California, and Mr. DELAHUNT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. RULES FOR CONSIDERATION OF H-1B PETI-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) **RULE FOR FY 1997.**—Notwithstanding section
4 214(g)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act—

5 (1) for fiscal year 1997, the Attorney General
6 shall issue visas, or otherwise provide nonimmigrant
7 status, to eligible aliens under section
8 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of such Act without regard to
9 the numerical limitation contained in section
10 214(g)(1)(A) of such Act; and

11 (2) for each alien issued a visa or otherwise
12 provided nonimmigrant status pursuant to para-
13 graph (1) in excess of 65,000, the numerical limita-
14 tion in section 214(g)(1)(A) of such Act, as applied
15 for fiscal year 1998, shall be reduced by 1.

16 (b) **ENSURING ACCURATE COUNT.**—In carrying out
17 subsection (a), the Attorney General shall take such steps
18 as are necessary to ensure that an accurate count is being
19 maintained of the number of aliens subject to the numeri-
20 cal limitation of section 214(g)(1)(A) of such Act who are
21 issued visas or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status.

22 (c) **REVISION OF PETITION FORM.**—The Attorney
23 General shall take such steps as are necessary to revise
24 the form used for petitions for such visas or status so as
25 to ensure that the form provides the Attorney General
26 with sufficient information to permit the Attorney General

1 accurately to count the number of aliens subject to the
2 numerical limitation of section 214(g)(1)(A) of such Act
3 who are issued visas or otherwise provided nonimmigrant
4 status, and to permit the Attorney General to fulfill the
5 reporting requirements of subsection (d).

6 (d) REPORTS.—Using data from the forms used for
7 petitions for such visas, the Attorney General shall annu-
8 ally provide to the Congress a report on—

9 (1) the numbers of individuals who were issued
10 visas or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status
11 during the preceding year under section
12 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of such Act; and

13 (2) the countries of origin, educational levels at-
14 tained, occupations, and annual total compensation
15 of individuals issued visas or provided nonimmigrant
16 status under such section during such period.

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